

Notification 2024/007

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## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPENDIX I-LISTING FOR THE OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARK (*CARCHARHINUS LONGIMANUS*)

This Notification relates to CMS Decisions 14.114 – 14.116 *Implementation of the CMS Appendix I-Listing for the Oceanic Whitetip Shark (Carcharhinus longimanus)*.

Parties are requested to fill out the attached questionnaire to inform about domestic and regional management measures undertaken for the Oceanic Whitetip Shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*), clarifying how they meet the objectives and obligations of the CMS Appendix I listing. This information will be submitted to *the Standing Committee for review at its 56th Meeting*.

Contributions are requested by **15 May 2024** and should be emailed to the CMS Secretariat: [cms.secretariat@cms.int](mailto:cms.secretariat@cms.int).

CMS Decisions 14.114 – 14.116 *Implementation of the CMS Appendix I-Listing for the Oceanic Whitetip Shark (Carcharhinus longimanus)*:

#### **14.114 Directed Parties**

*Parties are requested to provide to the CMS Secretariat [with] information on their domestic and regional management measures for the oceanic whitetip shark by the 56th Meeting of the Standing Committee, clarifying how they meet the objectives and obligations of the CMS Appendix I listing.*

#### **14.115 Directed to the Standing Committee**

*The Standing Committee is requested to review the compilation of information provided by the Secretariat in fulfilment of Decision 14.116, and to both report progress, and make recommendations for further action, to the Conference of the Parties at its 15th Meeting.*

#### **14.116 Directed to the Secretariat**

*The Secretariat is requested to:*

- a) issue a notification to seek information from Parties in fulfilment of Decision 14.114; and*
- b) collate the information provided by the Parties in response to Decision 14.114, and to transmit this information by 31 May 2024 to allow submission to the Standing Committee for review at its 56th Meeting.*

For further information please consult: [andrea.pauly@un.org](mailto:andrea.pauly@un.org).

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**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CMS PARTIES ON  
DOMESTIC AND REGIONAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES UNDERTAKEN  
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPENDIX I-LISTING  
OF THE OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARK (CARCHARHINUS LONGIMANUS)**

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A word version is available for download at:

[https://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/007\\_annex\\_questionnaire\\_oceanic\\_whitetip\\_shark.doc](https://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/007_annex_questionnaire_oceanic_whitetip_shark.doc)

Please submit the filled questionnaire no later than **15 May 2024** to: [cms.secretariat@cms.int](mailto:cms.secretariat@cms.int)

1. Party:
2. Focal Point (name):
3. Is your country a Range State of the Oceanic Whitetip Shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)? Please note that Range States pursuant to CMS Art. I 1 h) also include “State[s], flag vessels of which are engaged outside national jurisdictional limits in taking that migratory species”;<sup>1</sup>
4. Please provide information on existing domestic legislation (including EU legislation) that prohibits the taking of *C. longimanus*? Please be reminded that taking is defined in CMS Art. I 1 i) as “taking, hunting, fishing capturing, harassing, deliberate killing, or attempting to engage in any such conduct”.
5. Please provide information on other domestic and regional measures undertaken to address the taking of *C. longimanus*. This may also include technical and management measures to mitigate unintentional catch.
6. Please inform whether *C. longimanus* has been caught in your areas of jurisdiction or outside such areas by your flag vessels within the last 5 years. This may also include unintentional catch.
7. If the answer to (6) is “yes”, then please provide information on the level of catch for the last 5 years, if known. If such information was previously reported elsewhere, please provide references to these reports.
8. Please inform whether *C. longimanus* has been utilized by your country within the last 5 years. This may also involve domestic trade and consumption.
9. Please inform if any exceptions to the prohibition of taking pursuant to CMS Art. III (5) were made by your country within the last 5 years.

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<sup>1</sup> CMS Art. I 1 h) "Range State" in relation to a particular migratory species means any State (and where appropriate any other Party referred to under subparagraph (k) of this paragraph) that exercises jurisdiction over any part of the range of that migratory species, or a State, flag vessels of which are engaged outside national jurisdictional limits in taking that migratory species; CMS Art. I 1 k) "Party" means a State or any regional economic integration organization constituted by sovereign States which has competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and application of international Agreements in matters covered by this Convention for which this Convention is in force.